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## Editorials

### What Will The New Year Bring?

Organized labor bids Adieu to the year 1934 with a cordial smile, but with little regret at its passing. On the whole, some sound progress was made during the year by the people of the United States.

The New Year may be well greeted with outstretched arms and enthusiastic hope by all who toil.

The year 1935 can be a most helpful year, indeed a memorable year, for the country and particularly for the common people. That notable history will actually be made during this year appears reasonably certain. Whether action is dominated by interests inimical to the common welfare, or follows the constructive industrial and social progress advocated by President Roosevelt and supported by the American Federation of Labor, can only be a matter of conjecture at this time.

Industrial progress, as represented by the unquestioned right of workers to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, for example, may be firmly established by law and in fact during this year. Social progress, as represented by unemployment insurance and old-age pensions, for example, may receive such impetus this year as to become a blessed assurance for this and future generations.

The great American labor movement, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, greets the New Year not only hopefully but prepared to do its full duty in aiding to bring about the industrial progress and the social security that all truly progressive people believe essential to the common welfare in this modern age.

### Big Business Sets Its Terms

The recent series of statements issued by representatives of American big business, suggesting that business is at last ready to "cooperate" with the Government and possibly labor, is most unfortunately not necessarily accompanied by labor and workers' organizations.

There have been many opportunities in the past for big business to cooperate, but the chief energy of such organizations as the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Industrial Conference Board has apparently been expended in fighting Section 7-A and other measures intended to protect the rights of workers. Now big business comes forth with a set of recommendations adopted at the White Sulphur Springs conference and urges only action favoring big business. In effect, it is saying to President Roosevelt: "If you will sack the New Deal and deny workers all their rights, we might consent to cooperate."

When we are extended a friendly salute with one hand and a sock in the jaw with the other, it is just possible that the "cooperation" involved may be regarded as onerous, figuratively speaking, of course.

However, there are indeed many sane and progressive business leaders throughout the country. Organized labor of America is still hopeful that their wise counsel may prevail, for their own good and for the good of all.

### ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF PROCEDURE IN NRA COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT

**Normal Cases To Go Through Regular Routine; Conferences Decide Others.**

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—A joint statement of policy governing compliance with decisions of the National Industrial Recovery Board, which has been made public by the Board and the National Labor Relations Board, indicates that the procedure in cases where the National Labor Relations Board has found a violation of Section 7-A or where the employer desires to regain the right to use NRA incentives.

The agreement covers normal cases, where the deviation from the procedure is necessary, joint conferences will be held.

The text of the statement follows:

1. In the normal case where the National Labor Relations Board has found a violation of Section 7-A, and the employer, within the time specified by such Board, has not made such restoration, if any, as the Board has recommended, the NLRB Committee will recommend the NLRB Committee to the Board's decision and of the file, will without delay remove the employer's Division.

2. Whenever for any reason the NLRB Committee believes that it is proper to follow the procedure outlined above, it will so advise the Board.

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### PLANS PROGRESSING FOR BAL HONORING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—Plans are maturing rapidly, according to reports from the National Industrial Recovery Board, for honoring President Roosevelt again this year, on the occasion of his birthday anniversary.

The national committee, headed by Henry L. Doherty, has a special labor action, headed by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., with Matt Thell as secretary.

The labor action is daily receiving impetus from the central labor body throughout the country, saying that arrangements are being made for a demonstration by organized labor in participation with the business community will sponsor balls, some of which will be held in the city and some in the country. The committee and some will sponsor special affairs.

The funds raised this year, 75 per cent will remain in the community where raised and 25 per cent will go into a national fund, to be used under the direction of President Roosevelt, for research work in connection with the fight against inflation and other evils which the President is very much interested in.

### SEATTLE GETS FIRST LOCAL NRA CODE FOR CLEANING INDUSTRY

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Seattle, Wash.—The first local NRA code of trade practice for the cleaning and dyeing industry to be approved since President Roosevelt signed the trade practice provisions of the national code May 25 has been issued by the industry here.

The provisions of the national code are continued. The order specified that the code might be applied to the locality in which 85 per cent of the business of the local code was effective in the Seattle metropolitan district December 31, 1934. The code was approved by representatives of 342 firms.

The code covers the cleaning and dyeing industry, which is one of the largest in the city. It covers the cleaning of automobiles, furniture, and other household goods, and the dyeing of clothes and other fabrics.

The code is effective for one year, and will be reviewed at the end of the year. It is expected that it will be renewed.

### EXEMPTION GRANTED MAKERS OF TWO-FOR-FIVE CIGARS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—Exemption of two-for-five cigars by hand may pay bunch makers and rollers at a special minimum wage rate of 27 cents an hour specified in the code for the cigar manufacturing industry, under terms of an order announced by the National Labor Relations Board.

The order was issued in response to a petition filed by the National Labor Relations Board for the cigar makers and rollers, who are employed in the cigar manufacturing industry. The order was issued on December 28, 1934.

The order states that the minimum wage rate of 27 cents an hour is to be paid to the makers and rollers of two-for-five cigars. This is a significant increase from the previous rate of 25 cents an hour.

### NRA Adopts Co-operative Plan To Secure Better Administration

D. M. Nelson, New Code Administration Director, Operates Regional Offices, With Trained Staffs.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—Determined that the public interest may be adequately represented, a trained full-time staff of Administration members of the several national code authorities is being organized in the field.

While devoted to administration of the code, it is believed, will materially aid in the enforcement of the code. It has been declared by the code authorities that it is of vital importance to the code.

At the same time, regional offices for code administration were authorized in New York City.

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Administration members of national code authorities will operate from these regional offices. They need the Legal, Research and Planning and the Standard Statistics Company of New York, currently committees as follows:

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### PROGRESS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY TOLD BY ABLE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Miss Mary Anderson Says Women's Bureau Has Lead Way in Building Up Standards and Policies.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Chicago, Ill.—Not to drive women workers out of the home, but to make women's jobs a better means of livelihood for them is the aim of the Government's Women's Bureau, according to the head of the department, Miss Mary Anderson.

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### RICHBERG POINTS TO LESSON OF DISASTER IN URGING PROGRESS

Washington—In an address delivered before the Washington Board of Trade, with Secretary Frank Morrison, of the A. F. of L., present on December 28, 1934, Donald C. Richberg, executive director of the National Emergency Council, asked business to heed the lesson of "intoxicated prosperity" from 1921 to 1929.

Richberg said that the lesson of the past is that business must be prepared to meet the needs of the country's economy.

"Those who criticize the Government for its policy of restoring the economy to normalcy are, in effect, criticizing the Government for its policy of restoring the economy to normalcy," Richberg said.

"The lesson is clearly written in the political freedom and security of the American people rests upon their economic freedom and security. But that concept of economic freedom requires a license to the most ruthless and unscrupulous controllers of economic life, to exploit labor and consumers and to devour competitors simply because they are stronger."

### WAGE SLAVERY GROWS ON AMERICAN FARMS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—The sharecropping system, a survival of the feudalism of the Old South, is still in vogue on the American farm, according to a report by the National Labor Relations Board.

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### NECKWEAR AND SCARF INDUSTRY GETS CODE

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—Approval of the code of fair competition for the women's neckwear and scarf industry reporting estimated sales of \$25,000,000 for 1934, was announced by the NLRB.

The code was approved by the NLRB on December 28, 1934.

### RYE PATCH DAM CONTRACT IS LET

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—The Interior Department has awarded a contract for the construction of the Rye Patch Dam, near Nevada, to the Rye Patch Dam Construction Company.

The contract is for the construction of a dam 115 feet high, with a width of 250 feet.

### BUSINESS OUTLOOK BEST SINCE 1931

Business Statistics Firm Issues Optimistic Outlook for New Year. It is Conservative On Labor Matters.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

New York—In its weekly summary of the general business situation, the Standard Statistics Company of New York, currently committees as follows:

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### BASIC CODE FOR POSEWID INDUSTRIES

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—The plan to consolidate codes for six new industries, including the clothing, food, and other industries, was announced by the National Labor Relations Board.

The plan is to create a basic code for these industries, which will be used as a model for other industries.

### FARMERS PAYING LOANS; FAIR POLICIES URGED

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—N. I. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, told the presidents of the 12 Federal Farm Loan Banks that the banks should urge farmers to pay their loans.

Myers said that the banks should urge farmers to pay their loans, as this would help to stabilize the farm economy.

### NRA APPROVES PERSONNEL OF CIGAR LABOR BOARD

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—The National Industrial Recovery Board has approved the personnel of the Cigar Labor Board.

The board is to be composed of representatives of the cigar industry and the labor union.

### RULES FOR HANDLING CODE AUTHORITY FUNDS ISSUED BY ADMINISTRATION

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—The National Industrial Recovery Board has issued rules for the handling of code authority funds.

The rules state that the funds are to be used for the enforcement of the code, and for the education of workers and employers.

### President Green Urges Sound Old Age Pension Legislation

29 STATES HAVE OLD-AGE PENSIONS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Chicago—An interesting survey of old-age pension legislation, released by the National Industrial Conference Board, shows that 29 states have some kind of legislation on the subject.

The survey shows that the states with old-age pension laws are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

### "Townsend Plan" and Similar Schemes of Fantastic Nature Are Believed Injurious to Practical Proposals.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—In discussing the American Federation of Labor's endorsement of old-age pension legislation, President William Green pointed out that the "Townsend Plan" and similar schemes of fantastic nature are believed to be injurious to practical proposals.

Green said that the "Townsend Plan" is a scheme for the payment of \$200 per month to every citizen over 60 years of age, regardless of their income.

### FIVE RETAIL JEWELRY CODE CHANGES OFFERED

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington—Five amendments to the retail jewelry trade code, covering jewelry, watches, and other items, have been approved by the National Industrial Recovery Board.

The amendments are designed to improve the code and to protect the interests of workers and consumers.

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### ZENITH RADIO CORP. LOSES BLUE EAGLE

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Washington—The National Industrial Recovery Board has decided to revoke the Blue Eagle certificate of the Zenith Radio Corporation.

The board found that the company had violated the terms of its Blue Eagle certificate.